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SUBJECT: BMENA: SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

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1. (SBU) POLMINCOUNS delivered reftel demarche to Middle East Director General Mark Bailey October 19. Bailey said that Minister Pettigrew would not be able to attend the meeting in Bahrain because of the unstable political situation in Canada but Deputy Minister Harder would attend in his place.

2. (SBU) With regard to a possible Canadian contribution to the Foundation, Bailey said that his office would be receiving some money from the Global Peace and Security Fund launched through the International Policy Statement. This is money that Foreign Affairs will control independent of CIDA. As it is the first year this has been done there is no model for how the funding should be used, but Bailey assumes there will be stiff competition for limited funds. He said they would make the pitch for a contribution to the Foundation but emphasized that if successful the amount would be in the thousands not millions. He also did not believe that they would make the October 24 deadline, but did think that they would have something positive to announce prior to or at the meeting. Bailey asked for any more detailed information than what was contained in the demarche on specific amounts other G-8 members were contributing.

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